

Re: RM-10867.

I am in general support of this ARRL petition. I believe it is a progressive approach to better the future of Amateur Radio. The Amateur licensing system does need restructuring. As well, I believe that potential operators in the hobby should have access to an entry level license with HF privileges and no Morse code requirement.

I do disagree with the ARRL proposal of a 5 wpm morse requirement for only the Amateur Extra license. I believe that requirement should hold true for the General class license. Having HF privileges, upgrading the entry level license would certainly come in due course. Those with a keen interest will want the increased spectrum to communicate, a simple 5 wpm morse requirement being a minimal task to accomplish.

I also disagree with the ARRL proposal to reduce the entry level test to 25 questions. I believe that even at this level there are certain operating procedures, limits, electronics knowledge and safety measures which should be observed. A 50 question test would sufficiently cover these measures and procedures, ensuring that new amateur licensees operate their station in a safe and proper manner.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

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